

VILLAGE OF BUTLER NEWSLETTER

THE CABOOSE

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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It's spring time in Butler and it's time for spring cleaning. There are a number of Village ordinances which are designed to prevent the deterioration of neighborhoods. These ordinances control such activities as illegal outside storage, keeping of junked vehicles and maintaining one's property. Last year the Village Staff started a focused approach to notify violators of non-compliance. This year the process will continue.

Most businesses and residences are not in violation. We are looking to get voluntary compliance and not to impose fines. I am asking that everyone makes an effort to learn what the code requirements are and make sure that you are not in violation. We have many outstanding corporate and residential citizens who have set an excellent example, please join them.

Everyone is interested in development. I believe that if we eliminate the violations, we will do a better job retaining existing businesses, attracting new tenants to vacant properties and encouraging development. We know that Butler is a great place to live and do business. Let's show others why. Our commitment to having a community which is neat, orderly and safe not only sends a powerful message but protects our property values.

If you are unsure of what the various codes restrict or require, please contact Village Hall.

Richard A. Ensslin
Village President

VILLAGE INFORMATION

Emergency.....	911
Village Hall	(262) 783-2525
Assessor	(262) 783-2525
Building Inspection	(262) 544-8280
Code Enforcement.....	(262) 783-2525
Village Clerk	(262) 783-2525
Economic Development	(262) 783-2525
Court	(262) 781-9790
Engineer Tim Barbeau.....	(262) 786-1777
Finance/Treasurer	(262) 783-2525
Fire Non-Emergency	(262) 783-2537
Library.....	(262) 783-2535
(Trash Contractor) Waste Management....	(414) 761-2100
Police Non-Emergency	(262) 446-5070
Police Administration	(262) 781-2431
Business Fax	(262) 783-2522
Public Works Inspection	(262) 783-2525
Water Utility	(262) 783-2525

BRUSH PICK-UP

Beginning April 20th, the regular Brush Service is on the first and third Monday of each month through the summer and ending on October 19, 2009. Brush should be stacked or piled at the curbs by 7 AM of the pick-up day, but no sooner than 6 PM Sunday night before a brush pick-up day. The brush should be stacked NEAT AND ORDERLY with ends uniform and should be no greater than 4 inches in diameter. The length can be long and lay ends to the road, **NOT IN THE ROAD**. Please **DO NOT PUT OTHER YARD WASTE** in with the **BRUSH! DO NOT put branches in plastic bags or bio-degradable bags.**

The Brush Service provided by the Public Works Department was designed for branches **ONLY, no full trees**. **DO NOT PUT BRANCHES IN GARBAGE CANS, THE BRANCHES WILL NOT BE PICKED UP**. If the Public Works Department deems the pile is too large, they will bypass the area this year. Thank you

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VILLAGE OF BUTLER ELECTED OFFICIALS**Village President**

Richard Ensslin

Village Board of Trustees

Village Trustee	William Benjamin	Village Trustee	Carol Zuba
Village Trustee	Michael Thew	Village Trustee	Robert Ward
Village Trustee	Walter Woloszyk	Village Trustee	Teri Stegemeyer

YARD WASTE PROGRAM

The Village's Waste Hauler, Waste Management, offers a Subscription Yard Waste Program. The Program starts Thursday, April 2nd through Friday, November 27, 2009. The cost of the service is \$29.06 for the season. This cost covers weekly collection of 2 - 30 gallon containers or 2 Kraft bags of yard waste (NO PLASTIC BAGS). The cost for stickers for additional bags is \$1.27 each. If you were using Waste Management in 2008 and would like to continue or if you would like to sign-up, please call 262-251-4000.

VILLAGE OF BUTLER**PARK & RECREATION**

With springtime here, our Butler park will again come alive with action. The first week in May our Softball Leagues will be playing Monday through Friday evenings. We still need teams for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Please call Village Hall if you are interested in forming a team for Softball. If you can't play you can still come down and enjoy.

Horseshoe leagues will also hopefully be formed for a May start. We plan on Wednesday for now, maybe more evenings in the future. If you would like more information on teams or just to help out, contact Phil Gross at 262-781-4331.

REMINDER:

Purchase your Parking Permits for the
next quarter - \$22.50 for
Street Overnight Parking &
\$30.00 for Municipal "South"
Lot.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Our annual July 4th parade will again start off at 2:00 PM. The parade route has not been determined yet due to the Hampton Avenue Reconstruction Project scheduled to start this summer. Please check the Summer Newsletter for parade route. We hope to have a band and concessions in the evening leading up to the fireworks at dusk. If you wish to be in the parade contact

Roger Wollert at 262-790-1797.

Come enjoy your park and
have a safe and fun summer.

Terry Everard
Park and Recreation Committee



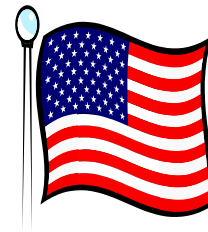
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Due to an EXTREMELY generous donation from life long resident Mary Turnbull, we were able to move forward with our Department's K9 Unit. This, however, doesn't mean we still do not need support from the community. The "life" expectancy of a Police K9 Unit is in the 10 year area. So, we will be supporting our unit for that period, plus maybe more. So if there is anything you can give, or anyway you feel you can assist our Unit, either now or in the coming years, please feel free to help. If you have any questions, please call and those questions will be forwarded to Lt. Pergande.

On another note, some citizens have questioned the reasons for when a flag is lowered to half staff. Only the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Wisconsin can authorize the lowering of the flag. The normal reasons are national losses of life, or at the state level, when a state resident loses his life in the service of our Country, or on other certain specified days. This is outlined under the United States Administrative Code, and is not done randomly without specific order.

We receive our orders from the state from the state teletype system.

Chief Michael Cosgrove



Hampton Avenue Project

The Village is still finalizing the joint Hampton Avenue Project with Waukesha County. The Village has applied for the second round of Federal Stimulus Money through the State of Wisconsin. The Village should know by early May if our project has been selected to receive Federal Funding.

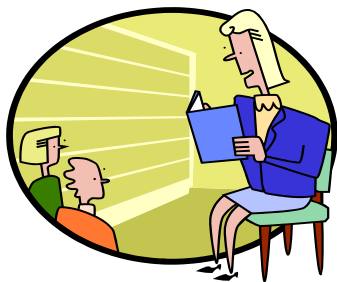
The project is being called a hybrid resurfacing project. The current plans for Hampton Ave. include: Dowel bar retro fitting, a process which provides strength to the existing hundreds of independent cement slabs along Hampton Avenue. The County has had good success with roads like Hampton Ave. that the cement slabs are in good shape, however they have moved around to cause the road to be bumpy and loud. Other dowel bar retro fits in our area include Moorland Road from Cleveland Ave. to Greenfield Ave. and parts of the old 164 in the Sussex area. Once the dowel bar retro fit is complete, the contractor will mill about 2 inches off Hampton Avenue to make it smoother. Finally, the contractor will do one lift (layers) of asphalt about 3 inches thick that will make Hampton Ave. a smooth and strong road for the next 20 years.

The Village Engineering firm R.A. Smith has designed the plans to allow for Hampton Ave. to remain open during the project. The current plan is to have Hampton Ave. down to one lane in both directions to allow access for all businesses and residences.

The Village is planning a Public Meeting and will be mailing out invitations to all the residents and business owners who are on Hampton Ave. sometime in April. The Village will make every effort to keep the public informed during this project.

Timothy Rhode, Village Administrator

LIBRARY NEWS



Welcome to your new Butler Public Library! We are up and running strong! There are more books, more computers, more programs, displays, and book sales!

Our library is open **Monday through Friday at noon**, and closed at **8:00 P.M.** On **Fridays**, we close at **6:00 P.M.** We are open **10:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. on Saturdays.** These will be our hours in the summer also!

Check out our Web page at **www.butler.lib.wi.us**. We are updating the web site all the time! The Butler Library is part of the Waukesha Federated Library System. This is a great resource for you! If you click on the catalog in the upper right corner of the home page you may select items whether books or audiovisual materials that you can borrow from the 15 libraries in the county. You may put a hold on the material from the comfort of your home and it will be sent to Butler Library. Also, you may decide to come into the library and we will help you use the catalog. We will call you when the items come in.

Some interesting **PROGRAMS** offered will be:

Children's Program about **WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR BACK** given by **Dr. Kinga Ebner** on

April 2nd.

The Children will make a beaded bracelet that represents their back! Please sign up at the circulation desk so we know how many to order!

Animal Motel will present **HOW DO DOGS & CATS TALK TO YOU?** on **April 23, 2009.**

Pampering Mother's Seminars

Aromatherapy for the Soul –May 6-Wind Touch Healing

Celebrating Your Life-May 13-Wind Touch Healing

Power of Massage-May 20- On the Other Hand Massage

Balancing Daily Stress-May 27- Wind Touch Healing

LEARN ABOUT FISHING BOYS & GIRLS! Presented by **Greg's Cottage** on **June 6.** Enjoy a special treat!

Summer Plant exchange. bring your plant from your garden and exchange them for another plant from someone else's garden!

Look for additional **WII PARTY! HAVE FUN! GOOD EXERCISE!**

KNITTING GROUP - Meet, mingle and trade yarns! **Thursday's 1:30-3:30**

JOIN OUR MENS AND LADIES BOOK CLUBS!

Adult Summer Reading Program will start the beginning of June and run until the end of August. The Adult program will be participating in a **BINGO** game! Watch for sign at the circulation desk!

Our Children's Programs

Bedtime Story Hour will continue on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM.

Children's Services at Butler Public Library is busy creating a masterpiece of a **summer library program**.

Be Creative @ your Library is the theme for summer 2009.

Create, Express, Explore and Enjoy, through hands on workshops, art activities, music, dance, and projects for pre-readers, readers and teens, View your creative works on display in our Summer gallery, on our web-site and in local businesses through out the summer.

Future Academy Award winners ages 8-11 can audition for a creative summer play production, while ages 12 and up can audition for "Butler Idol".

Butler Public Library also has special guests scheduled to perform.

Stop in to check out **Storyteller and Juggler, Chris Fascione** as he brings **"Books to Life"** on Monday **June 29th at 7 PM.**

Erick will be performing **"Music and Laughter for Kids of all Ages"**, Monday **July 13th at 7 pm.**

Monday **July 27th at 7 pm** we'll be enjoying **"Interactive Storytelling for Creative Readers" with Jean Andrew.**

Watch for more details soon, and get ready to express yourself at Butler Public Library.

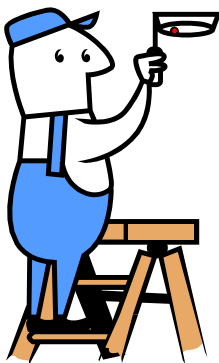
Registration begins June 1st, 2009.

I hope to see you soon at our Community Library!

Gail Duernberger, Director

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Change Your Clocks, Change Your Smoke Detector Batteries

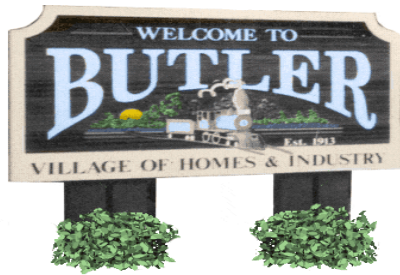


It's that time of the year again to spring ahead. While Daylight Savings time started March 8th, Butler Fire Department still encourages residents to change there smoke detector battery when they change their clocks to ensure that they are still in good, working condition.

Working smoke detectors can help save lives and provide early detection of fire. They also provide the extra necessary minutes to help you to get out and stay out. Most home fires occur at night when everybody is sleeping, and most of the deaths related to fires are from smoke inhalation. A working smoke detector will detect smoke well before a fire will spread. When a fire occurs, seconds count. A fire will double in size every minute.

There should be a working smoke detector on each level of the building including the basement and living room. Most importantly there should be a smoke detector inside and in a hallway by the bedroom. Smoke detectors should be tested weekly to ensure good working condition.

REMEMBER WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!!!! CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR BATTERY



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RECYCLING UPDATE

DNR Recycling Web Site Enhanced

Looking for information on Wisconsin's recycling program? Trying to find a market for your recyclables?

Need some education resources or technical assistance? It's all on the Web, on DNR's recycling web site at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/recycle/>

Just about everything you need to know about recycling in Wisconsin can be found under some of the following headings:

- Recycling Quick Reference
- Recycling Law
- Recycling Contacts
- Local County Contacts
- Annual Recycling and Landfill Reports Recycling Studies
- Material Banned from Disposal in Wisconsin
- Facts & Figures
- Who can tell me how and what to recycle?

The "Recycling Quick Reference" is the newest addition to our site. In talking with people throughout the state, we learned that people are interested in having easy access to recycling basics. This site offers answers to the "what", "when" and "how" questions, such as:

Waukesha County Senior Services

Please contact Waukesha County Department of Senior Services at (262) 548-7828 for information on the services provided in Waukesha County. Also, the Village Hall has the following brochures and literature (as well as other materials) available in the office:

Senior Connection
Share Program
Volunteer Services
Senior Dining
Caring for the Caregiver
A Good Day Begins
A Directory of Useful Information
Developing your Caregiving Team

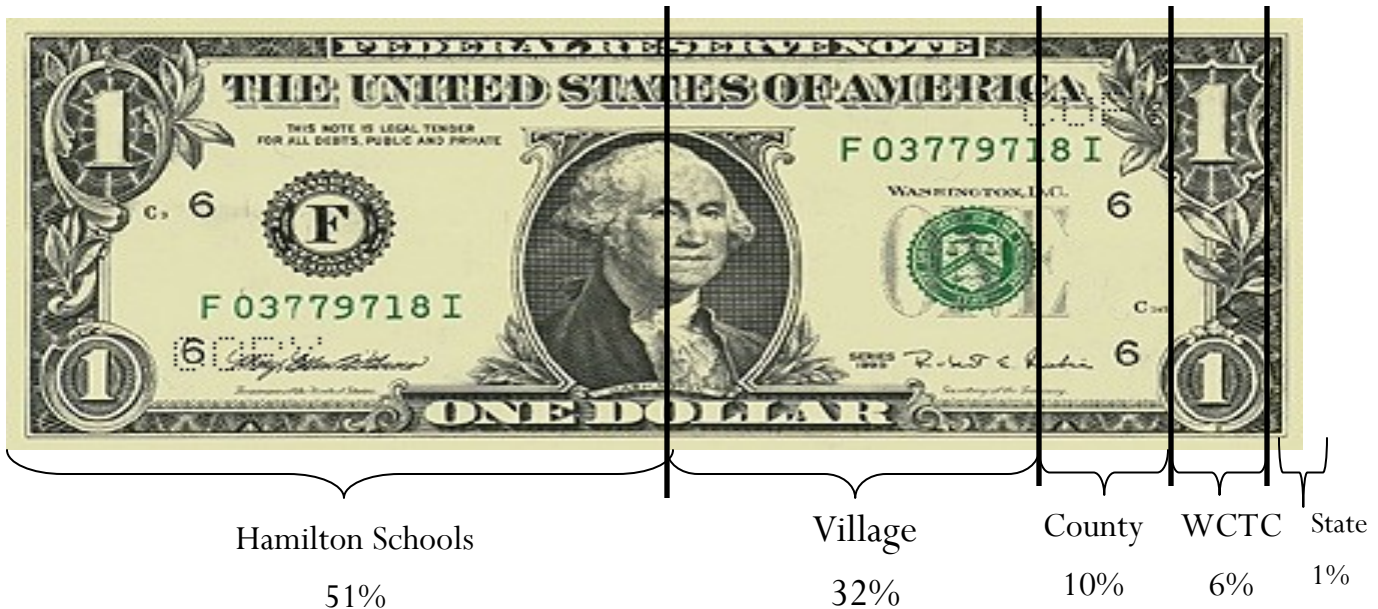
Please feel free to stop in anytime and help yourself to any of the free publications, brochures, literature, etc. that we have in the office.

2009 Village of Butler Budget

The Village Board approved the 2008 budget on December 2, 2008. Tax bills were mailed the second week in December.

The Village will collect your tax payments until January 30, 2009. After that date, you should make payments at Waukesha County.

Where does your property tax money go?



2009 General Fund Expenditure is \$2,058,216 which is \$70,080 or a 3.52% increase over 2008. However, the property tax increase for the 2009 budget is only 2% over the 2008 budget. The State of Wisconsin created an expenditure cap of 5% for Municipalities, however, the Village Board only increased a portion of the cap.

Your portion of the property tax bill that goes to the Village is primarily spent on the General Fund which is comprised of Public Safety, Public Works, Recreation, Conservation/Development and General Government. Debt Services and Capital Projects are also funded by property taxes. In the 2009 Budget, 68% of the General Fund comes from property tax. The rest is collected from fees, investments, grants, charges for services and state aid.

2009 General Fund Expenditures

